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TO: PETER RODMAN
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VIA YELLOW PATCHTO: GENERAL GUAY
FROM: GENERAL SCOWCROFT
PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO YOUR CUSTOMERTO: MR. LE DUC THO
FROM: DR. HENRY A. KISSINGER

THE US SIDE, IN ITS NOTE OF OCTOBER 26, 1973, TO THE DRV SIDE, POINTED OUT THE DANGEROUS SITUATION CREATED BY THE VIOLATION BY THE DRV SIDE OF ARTICLE 7 OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT. THE US SIDE HAS NOTED WITH MOUNTING CONCERN THE CONTINUING ILLEGAL INFILTRATION OF THOUSANDS OF NORTH VIETNAMESE TROOPS AND LARGE SHIPMENTS OF WAR MATERIEL INTO SOUTH VIETNAM. THE MASSIVE BUILD-UP OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE DRV SIDE IN SOUTH VIETNAM, IN ADDITION TO OTHER INDICATORS, DEMONSTRATES THAT THE DRV SIDE MAY BE SERIOUSLY PREPARING FOR LARGE-SCALE OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS IN SOUTH VIETNAM.

THESE DEVELOPMENTS HAVE LED THE US SIDE TO CONCLUDE THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN THE US AND THE DRV SIDES MAY HAVE AGAIN REACHED A CRITICAL JUNCTURE. THE UNITED STATES REMAINS COMMITTED TO SCRUPULOUS AND EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF ALL PARTS OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT BY ALL OF THE PARTIES OF THE AGREEMENT. THE US SIDE IS NOT, HOWEVER

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COMMITTED TO CONTINUED UNILATERAL COMPLIANCE WITH THE AGREEMENT,
THE COMMUNIQUE AND THE VARIOUS UNDERSTANDINGS WHILE THEY CONTINUE
TO BE DISREGARDED BY THE DRV SIDE.

THE PATH TO PEACE IN INDOCHINA AND TO A NORMALIZATION OF
RELATIONS BETWEEN THE US AND THE DRV STILL REMAINS OPEN. BUT IT
IS A PATH THAT BOTH SIDES MUST TRAVEL TOGETHER. THE DRV SIDE WOULD
BE DANGEROUSLY ILL-ADVISED WERE IT TO BELIEVE THAT THE COMMITMENT
OF THE UNITED STATES TO THE DEFENSE OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM AND
THE FAITHFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT BY ALL PARTIES
HAD WEAKENED.

THUS, THE UNITED STATES SIDE URGES THE DRV SIDE URGENTLY TO ADDRESS
ITSELF TO THE STEPS NECESSARY TO ASSURE ITS SCRUPULOUS IMPLE-
MENTATION OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT. IT IS IN THE HANDS OF THE DRV SIDE TO
DETERMINE WHETHER THE FUTURE WILL SEE A RENEWAL OF THE TRAGEDY OF
WAR OR LEAD TO THE PROSPERITY OF PEACE. THE US SIDE STANDS READY TO
WORK WITH THE DRV SIDE IN THE FULFILLMENT OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT
AND THE CONSOLIDATION OF PEACE IN THE AREA.

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